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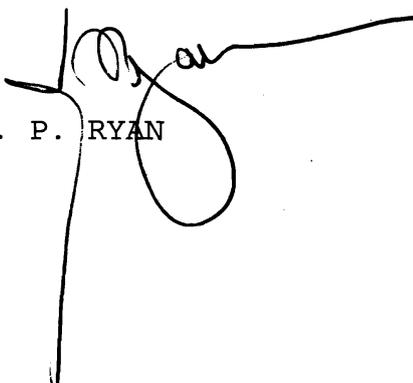
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1. Per reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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**USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40)**  
**COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY 2002**

1. **Command Composition and Organization**

a. **Command.** USS FRANK CABLE (AS 40), UIC: 20865.  
Commanding Officer, Captain Kevin P. Ryan. Homeport: Apra Harbor, Guam.

b. **Mission.** Forward deployed Pacific Fleet Tender, providing maintenance support for Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF), rotational surface ships and submarines homeported in Guam and forward deployed.

c. **Operational/Administrative Chain of Command**

**Operational**

Commander, Submarine Group 7  
Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet  
Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet

**Administrative**

Commander, Submarine Squadron 15  
Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet  
Commander, U. S. Pacific Fleet

2. **Chronology**

a. **Ship's Movement:**

01 January -	Inport Guam
11 January	
11 January -	Departure Guam
16 January	ISE Philippine Sea
16 January -	Inport Guam
22 January	
22 January -	Departure Guam
30 January	ISE Philippine Sea
30 January -	Inport Guam
15 February	
15 February	Enroute Saipan

16 February -	Inport Saipan
18 February	
18 February	Enroute Guam
18 February -	Inport Guam
28 February	
28 February -	Enroute Yokosuka
04 March	ISE Philippine Sea
04 March -	Inport Yokosuka
15 April	FRS Yokosuka
16 April -	Enroute Guam
22 April	
22 April -	Inport Guam
30 May	
30 May -	Enroute Hong Kong
05 June	
05 June -	Inport Hong Kong
11 June	
11 June -	Enroute Yokosuka
21 June	
22 June -	Inport Yokosuka
26 September	TAV Yokosuka
27 September -	Departure Yokosuka
28 September	Sea Trials
28 September -	Departure Yokosuka
02 October	Storm Evade and BSP Okinawa
02 October -	Enroute Chinhae
05 October	
05 October -	Inport Chinhae
11 October	
12 October -	Enroute Guam
19 October	
19 October -	FRS Inport Guam
05 December	

06 December - Departure Guam  
12 December Storm Evade  
  
12 December - Inport Guam  
31 December

**b. Major Command Awards**

September COMPACFLT Retention Honor Roll 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
  
December Awarded the Battle Efficiency "E"  
Awarded the Engineering Red "E"  
Awarded the DC Red "DC"  
Awarded the Supply Blue "E"  
Awarded the Deck Seamanship White "D"  
Awarded the Medical Yellow "M"  
Awarded the Dental Yellow "D"  
Awarded the Navigation Red and Green "N"  
Awarded the Repair Red "R"  
Awarded the Weapons Black "W"

**3. Narrative**

a. **REPAIR.** During CY 2002, FRANK CABLE's Repair Department completed 4,588 jobs that encompassed 197,297 man-hours on FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleet submarines and surface ships. The high quality support was accomplished through the completion of over 23 submarine, 38 surface ship, and 33 Flyaway Team (FAT) voyage repair availabilities. FRANK CABLE Repair FAT's completed 49 jobs, averaging over 627 man-hours each. FRANK CABLE performed quality repairs on 66 U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard ships and Foreign Navy customers in Sasebo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Chinhae, Yokosuka, Australia, Bahrain and Guam. In addition to continued success in maintenance support, FRANK CABLE completed comprehensive preparations for its support of submarines homeported on Guam, beginning in September 2002. FRANK CABLE's exceptional maintenance support and accomplishments was recognized by award of the Repair Red "R".

b. **ENGINEERING.** Safely steamed over 13,536 nautical miles, and steamed for over 42 straight days without interruption to operations. Received grades of "Above Average" during all phases of Engineering Certification. Completed eight-week Ship's Force upkeep in Yokosuka, Japan, completing over 88 jobs to include electrical, welding, galley and laundry, and replacing multiple valves in the main spaces onboard KITTY HAWK to support her operational commitments. Completed a three-month Technical Availability while deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, greatly improving material condition of the engineroom and fireroom.

c. **WEAPONS REPAIR.** Handled over 60,000 pounds of explosives including eight complex tactical weapons logistics evolutions of 55 MK-48 torpedoes and 12 Tomahawk cruise missiles. Completed Tomahawk Re-Certification inspection conducted by Program Executive Office, Weapons and Unmanned Aviation.

d. **SUPPLY.** Loaded new Tender Load List of over 10,000 line items to support Guam homeported submarines. Improved material condition of 29 storerooms. Upgraded the T-shed, which was cited as the "model T-Shed program for the Fleet" by the COMSUBPAC SMI Team. Turned over profits of \$114,000 to MWR, the highest in the past four years. Earned a grade of "Outstanding" from Commander Navy Region Southwest's recent surprise on-site audit of Disbursing. Lauded as the "best on the waterfront in Yokosuka." Key contributor in FMA's success rate of 97% job completion. Her Postal Division earned "Outstanding" from COMPACFLT postal inspectors during a surprise inspection, and achieved the highest score of any unit inspected in the last 18 months.

e. **OPERATIONS.** Operations Department demonstrated unparalleled excellence in operations, navigation, communications, automated data processing, and electronic support setting new standards for theater excellence. Navigated over 13,536 nautical miles. A total of 221 days were spent away from homeport. Safely navigated through Tokyo Wan, Japan; Saipan; Hong Kong, China; and Chinhae, Korea. Excellent on COMSUBRON 15 Navigation Evaluation. Installed SECRET Protocol Internet Router Local Area Network as a self-help project, saving the Navy over \$100,000 in contractor support costs. Upgraded the ship's Unclassified Local Area Network as a ship's force self-help project saving the Navy \$50,000. Recognized as having an extremely proficient Communications Watch Team during a Strategic Communications exercise. Coordinated installation of NAVMACS II, Multi-Purpose Patch Panels, FCC-100 Multiplexer, Navy Order Wire terminals and the Fiber Optic Pass-through systems.

f. **DECK.** Completed one anchoring in Hong Kong harbor, numerous pier side moorings in Guam; Saipan; Yokosuka, Japan; Chinhae, Korea. All evolutions were safely and expertly executed. Provided crane services conducting over 1,011 lifts of material. Tied up a 688 class submarine alongside without tug support during Hong Kong port visit. Completed an outstanding Aviation Readiness Evaluation (ARE) on time and Flight Deck Certification six months ahead of schedule. FRANK CABLE performed so well the AAV was upgraded to a certifying ARQ. Aggressively attacked exterior corrosion and internal preservation. "The warship that fixes warships" never looked better.

g. **SUPER TYPHOON PONGSONA.** Super Typhoon Pongsona devastated the island of Guam on 8 December 2002. USS FRANK CABLE crewmembers made the following contributions to recovery efforts:

**\* Family Support.** This included families from USS FRANK CABLE, USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, USS SAN FRANCISCO, COMSUBRON 15, and other military families on the island of Guam:

- Provided a home onboard for family members with no power/unlivable, damaged homes. This included shower, messing (over 730 meals to family members, added 4 hours to the Mess Decks meal hours daily), berthing, entertainment, extended ship's store hours, barber services, postal services, potable water, ice and laundry support 24 hours a day.

- Dispensed emergency blankets, pillows, towels, and sheets for family use on and off-ship.

- Helped hundreds of families with clean-up of homes both inside and out, moving furniture, cars, removing spoiled food from refrigerators of Sailors not home, cleaned out storm drains, etc.

- Spent \$8.9K on chain saws, vacuums, building supplies, cell phones, calling cards, and hardware consumables to aid relief efforts.

- Dewatered homes and dried carpets for over 300 families.

- Assisted with 3 emergency family calls.

- Relocated 2 families that were on TLA and living in hotels.

- Repaired 31 generators.

- Contacted 100% of FRANK CABLE and CSS15 submarine family members via phone or visit to check on their health, well being and determine assistance needed.

- Cut down over 400 damaged trees and moved them to the curb in family housing.

- Delivered potable water and ice to countless families in family housing.

- Replaced 18 windows and boarded up 12 houses in COMNAVMAR family housing.

- Processed hundreds of TLA claims.

- Righted 2 overturned boats in family housing.

- Delivered daily briefing sheets to family housing areas.

- Delivered medicine to a family member at South Fin.

- Repaired 25 chain saws.

- Provided power, water, staging and cooking for the CNFJ Christmas meal that fed over 3,500 local military and family members.

- Cashed over \$140,000 in checks while commercial banks were down and credit cards could not be used.

**\* Base Operations Support.**

- Clean up and repair of DODEA Middle School. Setup of family fun center.
- Clean up and repair of DODEA High School, removed AC and reinstalled window AC units, repaired/restored both emergency generators, overhauled emergency generator and built new exhaust piping, shored up gym walls, repaired patio roof, boarded up broken windows.
- Provided over 500 box lunches to our Sailors working in the field.
- Provided shore services to include potable water, power, internet connection, shore phones, CHT removal, laundry, oily waste removal and satellite TV to both homeported submarines tended outboard of USS FRANK CABLE.
- Completed clean up in the Navy Federal Credit Union area.
- Provided 10,000 gallons of potable water per day to COMNAVMAR during the recovery period.
- Worked on/repaired commissary generators. Wired the generator into the distribution system.
- Assisted in trouble shooting XRAY pier cold storage facilities emergency generator circuit breaker.
- Completed repairs to COMNAVMAR barracks laundry facility.
- Provided 50 Sailors daily for one week to assist the SEABEES with base cleanup.
- Troubleshoot SEABEE generators.
- Repaired 20 base contractor emergency generators.
- Provided 5 Sailors to SEABEES to run temporary power lines to Nimitz Hill Housing.
- Delivered supplies to South Fin to support clean up.
- Cleared debris from all South Fin and majority of NCTS yards, driveways, streets, and playgrounds.
- Stood generator watch for PWC at NCTS.
- Cleaned up debris from the BEQ, Chapel, Club Rumors, and ball fields on COMNAVMAR base.
- Cleaned up debris at Polaris Point. Clean up and repair of SITE III buildings. Repaired parking lot potholes.
- Fixed clothes dryer at MOMAG 8.
- Clean up and repair of COMNAVMAR CDC building.
- Built more than 100 feet of flex hose for commissary repairs.
- Built flex hoses for front end loader.
- Cleaned up debris at Naval Hospital base housing areas.
- Installed emergency power to Naval Hospital BEQ.
- Worked with COMNAVMAR divers to inspect piers, mooring, etc.
- Provided support to TIER IV repair coordination efforts.
- Completed repairs to lift pump motor (sewage) for Raytheon. Motor needed as backup to remove FRANK CABLE gray water and sewage.

- Completed damage assessment of Camp Covington local area network (LAN).
- Off loaded bottled water from trucks into the NEX mini-mart building.

**\* Community Support.**

- Provided emergency power for approximately 12 hours to Guam's 911 network.
- Manufactured grounding strap for ocean going fuel tanker. Tanker supplied much needed gasoline to Guam.
- Conducted 6 Community Service Projects from 14 Dec 02 through 2 Jan 03. 81 Sailors contributed 797 hours clearing debris from homes in our sister village of Piti. Several of the homes we assisted were on the beach. The storm surge went through their house and then dumped tons of debris as it returned to sea. Removal of this debris took several days. Additionally, a couple of houses were badly damaged in mudslides. At one house, the mudslide went into the living room. Chain-sawed damaged trees and staged them for removal by the city. Cleaned-up children's park and repaired playground equipment.
- Completed the removal of a 100-foot radio tower from the third story roof of St. Dominic's Senior Care Home. This team consisted of 12 Repair Sailors rigging, cutting, lowering to the ground, and staging for removal the tower. The project was set up through FEMA. There was considerable PAO coverage. This job was completed in an extremely safe and professional manner and garnered many favorable comments from the sisters and other observers.
- Worked with civil defense on emergency communications.
- Repaired numerous generators for local church and private citizens in Guam.

\* It is also particularly noteworthy that the majority of these Sailors performed this humanitarian effort while having to worry about their own basic necessities such as electricity, running/clean water, scarce food supplies, personal and property losses and damages, and care of their family members. Additionally, these Sailors worked vigorously through the Christmas and New Years holiday to complete recovery efforts. The number one priority was family support, with base operations support and community support both close behind.